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ASSESSMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF FUEL PIPELINE AREA NAS FORT WORTH
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May 6, 1999

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Dear Mr. Vazquez:

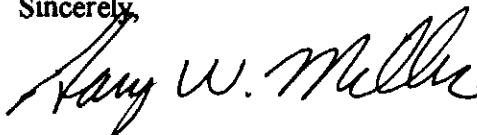
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the documents, "Site Assessment and Characterization of the Fuel Pipeline Area", Carswell Air Force Base. The document is dated March 1999 and was received by EPA on April 30, 1999. The Air Force proposes to close the site under the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Risk Reduction Standard 2. Based upon a review of the data in this report, we offer the following comments:

1. **Page 2-3, 2.1.3 SC Phase Objectives and Approach** Any No Further Action decision made for the "Valve Box area, Unnamed Stream area, and West Fork of the Trinity River" were made with the understanding that none of the "unusable laboratory data," discussed on page 2-2, had been utilized. If any of the "unusable laboratory data" was relied upon by the Air Force in the presentations to EPA, these sites will still need to be investigated. This needs to be clarified in this report, prior to EPA concurring on the "No Further Action" determination for these sites. For clarification the "No Further Action" conclusion for the Valve Box area, Unnamed Stream area and West Fork of the Trinity River is only for releases from the Pride and Chevron pipelines. No decision has been made on the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) found during the soil gas investigation at the Unnamed Stream. Since VOCs were not included in this phase of the investigation, they will need to be investigated and reported with the Unnamed Stream closure report, currently being prepared by the Air Force. Until this is complete we cannot concur on the transfer of this property.
2. **Page 2-10, 2.2.2.1 Subsurface Characterization** The 1998 sample analysis did not include VOCs. Since there is no other investigation planned for the Farmers Branch Creek area and the VOCs identified during the soil gas investigation were not further investigated, we cannot concur on the closure of this site.
3. The 1996 sampling is discussed throughout the document. Since this use of this data for closure of these sites was questioned and the decision was made not to use the data, all

references to the 1996 sampling should be removed from the report. The only data the Air Force should include in the report and the data used for any decisions should be the supplemental data from 1998.

Please contact me at (214)665-8306 should you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being the most prominent.

Gary W. Miller
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